

WORK TO THE GLORY OF GOD Colossians 3:22-4:1

We should accustom ourselves to think of our position and work as sacred and well-pleasing to God, not on account of the position and work, but on account of the word and faith from which the obedience and the work flow.

- Martin Luther

1) A Word to the Worker

- The call to obedience

- The heart of obedience

- The result of obedience

2) A Word to the Master

- The call to obedience

- The heart of obedience

Small Group Application Questions

I. Getting to Know You

1. What is the one thing you like (or liked) best about your job? The least?

II. Into the Bible

2. In John 13:12-17, Jesus, after he washed the disciples' feet, tells them what that meant for relationships among themselves. Paul is talking about the same principle here in the relations between earthly masters and slaves. What does this mean for us in the 21st century church?

3. When he says in Colossians 3:25 that there is no favoritism, Paul is drawing on a principle expressed in the Jewish law. Read Leviticus 19:15. What two tendencies does this rule guard against? What should it mean for our lives today?

III. Application

4. Do you have people in your life that you are a master to, as Matt explained that word? What can you do to provide everything to them that is “right and fair?” Give practical examples.

5. Can you think of areas other than your job where your position is that of a slave, as Paul uses the word? How do you carry out that service as doing it for Christ?

IV. For Families

6. Share with your children this week some specific examples of how you glorify Christ through your work, whether you are an employee or a boss.